GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5586
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item appearing in the Hindi daily `Hindustan` dated July 11, 2001 under the caption `Gair Sarkari Sangathanon ne 44 crore ka hisab nahi diya`;

(b) if so, whether the Government have ascertained the facts thereof;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;

(d) the number of non-Governmental organisations which have not given their accounts to the Government;

(e) the names and locations of such organisations; and

(f) the action taken/being taken by the Government against these organizations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (f): A statement is annexed.

Annexure referred to in the Reply to Unstarred Question No.5586

(a)to(f): The Government is aware of pending settlement of accounts in respect of funds released to a number of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) under different schemes of the Department of Family Welfare.Till the 8th Five Year Plan, the Department of Family Welfare used to entertain proposals from NGOs directly or through the State level Committees called SCOVA.The experience was that it was not always possible for the Ministry to monitor and scrutinize accounts of so many dispersed units. Many SCOVAs were not functioning and could not play the role of monitoring agencies at the State level.

Most of these pending cases pertain to the erstwhile Private Voluntary Organisations for Health (PVOH) scheme which was funded by USAID.This scheme is no longer in operation. There are more than 1000 cases pending full settlement of grant-in-aid involving an amount of about Rs.44 crores. The list of cases is being finalized and reconciled with the records of the NGOs against whom such amounts are projected as outstanding.

In the 9th Five Year Plan, the Department of Family Welfare has thoroughly revamped the NGO programme.Funds are now being provided to Field NGOs through a network of Mother NGOs who are responsible for training, guiding and supervising over the work of Field level NGOs.The Mother NGOs are also responsible for timely submission of accounts/settlement of Utilization Certificates pertaining to themselves as well as their Field NGOs.

The Department of Family Welfare is taking necessary action in the matter.The list of pendencies has been provided to Regional Directors, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare with copies to State Governments to follow up cases and arrange for the submission of Utilization Certificates from the concerned organisations.